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C O N F I D E N T I A L ASUNCION 3072

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, PA

SUBJ: FREED COMMUNIST LEADERS STILL IN PERUVIAN EMBASSY

REF: (A) ASUNCION 923, (B) ASUNCION 392

1. CONTINUED PRESENCE OF THREE FREED COMMUNIST LEADERS IN THE PERUVIAN EMBASSY IN ASUNCION (RETELS) WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN SINCE FEBRUARY 25, HAS ANGERED HIGHEST LEVEL OF PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT (GOP)

SITUATION THREATENS TO SOUR THE ATMOSPHERE FOR THE CONTINUED RELEASE OF OTHER LONGTIME POLITICAL PRISONERS.

2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN TOLD REPEATEDLY (E.G., DURING THE RECENT VISIT OF ILHR REPRESENTATIVE STEPHANSKY; AND AS RECENTLY AS JULY 26-27) THAT THE GOP, WHICH HAD EARLIER REFUSED TO ISSUE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS TO THE THREE COMMUNISTS PRESUMABLY BECAUSE IT FEARED THEY MIGHT ENGAGE IN ANTI-GOVERNMENT PROPAGANDA ABROAD, IS NOW AGREEABLE TO ISSUING THE DOCUMENTS. IT CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN, HOWEVER, THAT NEITHER ASYLUM NOR A SAFE CONDUCT IS NECESSARY AS THE THREE ARE FREE TO COME AND GO AS THEY WISH. THE GOP HAS REFUSED TO DELIVER THEIR PASSPORTS TO THE PERUVIAN EMBASSY, AS THE PERUVIANS HAVE REQUESTED, APPARENTLY BECAUSE IT FEARS THIS MIGHT IMPLY OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF THE ASYLUM CLAIM.

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3. UNFORTUNATELY THE TIMID AND SICKLY PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR HAS NOT TRIED VERY HARD TO RESOLVE THIS IMPASSE. WE HAVE DISCREETLY OFFERED SEVERAL POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO THE PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO END THIS STALEMATE WHICH IN OUR VIEW IS DETRIMENTAL TO FURTHER RELEASED OF OTHER LONGTIME PRISONERS.

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